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To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Accountability
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) more than 19,000 mobile homes and travel
2 trailers sit unused at the storage site in Hope, Ar-
3 kansas;

4 (2) the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
5 cy spends \$25,000 each month to store the unused
6 manufactured homes in Hope, Arkansas;

7 (3) the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
8 cy spends in excess of \$3,000,000 each year to store
9 unused manufactured homes at 15 storage sites
10 across the country;

11 (4) these manufactured housing units were pur-
12 chased to aid disaster victims during the 2005 hurri-
13 cane season;

14 (5) it is anticipated that the number of unused
15 mobile homes and trailers could continue to increase
16 as residents find permanent housing;

17 (6) many of these manufactured homes are now
18 severely damaged or may contain potentially harmful
19 levels of formaldehyde; and

20 (7) the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
21 cy has had ample time to assess the need for on-
22 hand manufactured housing.

1 **SEC. 3. STORAGE, SALE, TRANSFER, AND DISPOSAL OF**
2 **HOUSING UNITS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 months after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
5 Federal Emergency Management Agency (in this section
6 referred to as the “Administrator”) shall complete an as-
7 sessment of the number of manufactured housing units
8 it finds necessary to stock to respond to disasters occur-
9 ring after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (b) PLAN.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), not later than 6 months after the date of
13 enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall estab-
14 lish a well developed plan for permanently storing
15 manufactured housing units necessary to stock, sell-
16 ing or transferring usable surplus units, and dis-
17 posing of unusable units.

18 (2) EXCEPTION.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Administrator
20 submits to Congress a written certification that
21 the Administrator is unable to determine the
22 safe level of exposure to formaldehyde for pur-
23 poses of travel trailers, the Administrator may
24 exclude from the plan under paragraph (1) any
25 travel trailer that the Administrator determines
26 may contain formaldehyde.

1 (B) DURATION.—The authority to exclude
2 travel trailers under this paragraph shall termi-
3 nate on the date on which the Administrator of
4 the Environmental Protection Agency promul-
5 gates regulations regarding exposure levels for
6 formaldehyde that are applicable to travel trail-
7 ers.

8 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 9 months
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
10 shall implement the plan described in subsection (b).

11 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
13 to Congress a report on the status of the distribution, sale,
14 transfer, or disposal of unused manufactured housing
15 units.

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